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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is a matter of imagination."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" It is a fact."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will do well to table a resolution and argue out the matter. When a resolution is tabled it can be decided whether it is a matter of fact or of imagination."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" I shall consider the suggestion.

" With reference to the answer to clause (h) it is stated that there has been no precedent for honorarium being paid to Superintending Engineers in the matter of preparing plans and estimates. May I know what made the Government sanction this extraordinary expenditure when, as a matter of fact under the rules the Superintending Engineer scrutinizes the plans and estimates costing over a certain amount with any honorarium?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what percentage does the amount of Rs. 2,000 and odd come to with regard to the estimate of the cost of the building?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask whether it exceeds or is below the percentage fixed under centage charges?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" It is stated in the appendix that there was no further development in the cracks. May I know whether, since November last, there has been any development in the construction of the building?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice, Sir."

Institution of a Rural Development Fund.

* 1732 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have now come to any definite conclusion regarding the institution of a Rural Development Fund?

A.—No. The matter is under further consideration.

Municipal Councils

Nominations to the Municipal Councils of Chidambaram, Cuddalore, etc.

* 1753 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the period of nomination of the nominated Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram, Cuddalore and Villupuram of South Arcot district, and Gudiyattam of Vellore district has expired; and

(b) whether those seats have been filled up by nominations?

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A.--(a) & (b) The present position is as follows :—

Chidambaram Municipal Council.—The terms of all the five nominated councillors have expired. The Collector has been asked to expedite his proposals to fill the vacancies.

Villupuram Municipal Council.—The terms of three nominated councillors expired in November and December 1927 and January 1928. One vacancy has since been filled and proposals are under consideration in the case of the remaining two vacancies.

Cuddalore Municipal Council.—The terms of five municipal councillors expired in June and November 1927. One of these vacancies has been filled. The Collector has been asked for proposals in respect of the other four.

Gudiyattam Municipal Council.—All the vacancies in nominated seats have been filled.

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR :—“Are the Government aware that these are the only municipalities in the South Arcot district?”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“Yes.”

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR :—“Is there any special reason why in all these three municipalities of the district nominations are being delayed?”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“Reports have been called for from the Collector.”

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR :—“With regard to the Villupuram Municipal Council will the hon. the Minister in charge consider the claims of the people in the Railway colony who contribute much to the coffers of the Municipal Council?”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“There is already a nominated member for the Railway colony.”

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDIYAR :—“Is the hon. Minister in charge aware that at the time of the formation of the municipality the original proposal was that the Railway colony should have three seats in the Municipal Council?”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“That suggestion of my hon. Friend will be considered.”

Civil Justice

Revision of the pay of copyists and examiners.

* 1734 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the present pay and emoluments of the copyists and copyist-examiners in the Revenue as well as Judicial offices are;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase their pay; and

(c) whether the Government propose to give them pension or bonus after retirement?